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 $1. \, MOST \, SOURCES \, JANUARY \, 31 \, INDICATE \, THAT \, THE \, DEMOCRAT \, PARTY \, AND \, THE \\ THAI \, NATION \, PARTY \, HAVE \, AGREED \, IN \, PRINCIPLE \, TO \, FORM \, A \, COALITION \, GOVERN \\$

MENT WITH SENI PRAMOT AS PRIME MINISTER. THE SOCIAL AGRARIAN PARTY WILL ALSO PROBABLY JOIN THE COALITION. THE THREE PARTIES TOTAL 119 SEATS, AND THUS WOULD BE 16 SEATS SHY OF A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY OF 135. THE SOCIAL ACTION (18 SEATS) AND THE NEW FORCE (12 SEATS) PARTIE S

HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT BUT REMAIN OUTSIDE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF IT.

2. NEWSPAPERS ARE SPECULATING ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEXT CABINET BUT A DEFINITIVE LIST HAS NOT YET BEEN DRAWN UP. LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRAT, THAI NATION, AND SOCIAL AGRARIAN PARTIES WILL REPORTEDLY MEET FEBRUARY 1 TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A CABINET.

3. COMMENT: A CENTRIST COALITION WITH THE DEMOCRAT PARTY AND THE THAI NATION PARTY AS ITS CORE APPEARS TO BE THE MOST PROBABLE OUTCOME AS OF 1800 LOCAL TIME JANUARY 31. KINTNER

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